

Chief: Exam date for Lincoln Sailors set for Jan. 18

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ing 'down under,' staying focused for the exam is critical. Especially to rise above the rest when their records are scrutinized for high marks on the exam.

"Once you become board eligible, then your record's looked at. As a first class, you should already be an expert in your field. Just remember that you will have military requirement questions. However, the most important thing is to know is the in-rate knowledge. Make sure you're physically and mentally ready. Remember, you have to do better than the

minimum multiple, you have to make the board," said Fortino.

PN1 Lou Tadde explains that Sailors should arrive on time ready to take the exam. "Personnel must have their ID card and wear the utility uniform to take the E-7 exam Jan. 18 on the aft mess decks. People who signed their worksheet in December should be able to take the exam. LDO candidates must have an approved request chit," said Tadde.

Tadde urges Sailors to check what will be covered on the exam and to ensure that their records are in order. "The bibliography is a very good guide for what

people will be tested on. I recommend that the candidates review their service records and check their microfiches for accuracy."

Once Sailors know that their records are in order and have studied for the exam, the next thing they should do is prepare for test day. "I recommend that people taking the exam get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, and show up at the mess decks at 6:30 a.m. ready to take the exam," added Tadde.

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SEOPDET: AIMD detachments keep the planes flying

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work repairing aircraft components from all types of aircraft. "We're here for when they FOD an engine, or oil failures, or anything that goes wrong with the aircraft. We basically tear down the engine and repair all the components that need to be repaired," said AD3 Carlos Dominguez, SEOPDET Lemoore.

"We take avionics from all of the different aircraft and try our best to repair them," said ATAN Fletcher Gustafson. "SEOPDET is not part of the air wing, they are part of the AIMD departments back at their Naval Stations, but just like the air wing when the air wing departs, they also get to go back home," Trautmann added.

Housing: New BAH rates are the largest in history

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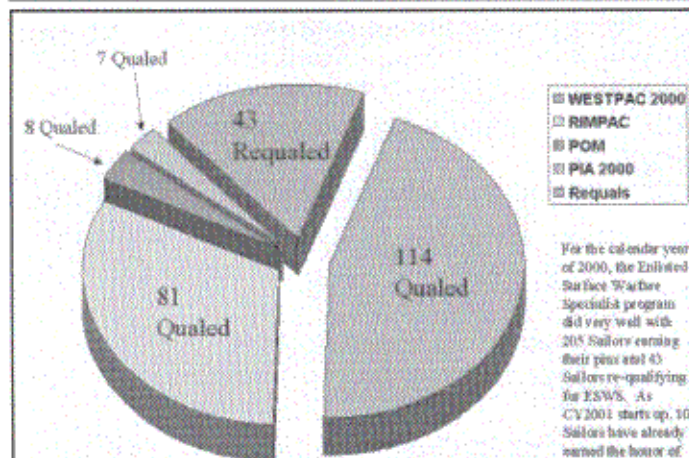
more attractive. With a greater cash flow, more contractors will be drawn to the program, Rostker said. The privatization program, started in fiscal 1996, is designed

to speed up the refurbishment of existing quarters and the construction of new housing.

DoD officials have estimated the old military construction system would take

30 years to deal with the 180,000 sub-standard housing units DoD has today. They've estimated the privatization program can work off the backlog in 10 years.

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ESWS Program

Spotlight Sailor

Hometown: Muskegon, Mich.
Reason for joining Navy:

"To try and get my degree in elementary education."

Time on board: 6 mo. 5 days

Enjoys most about job:

"I get to meet and greet with everyone."

Hobbies: "Biking, swimming and state hopping."

Looking forward to: "Going home!"

Outlook: "Love all, trust few."
 "Remember yesterday, live for today, look forward to tomorrow."



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